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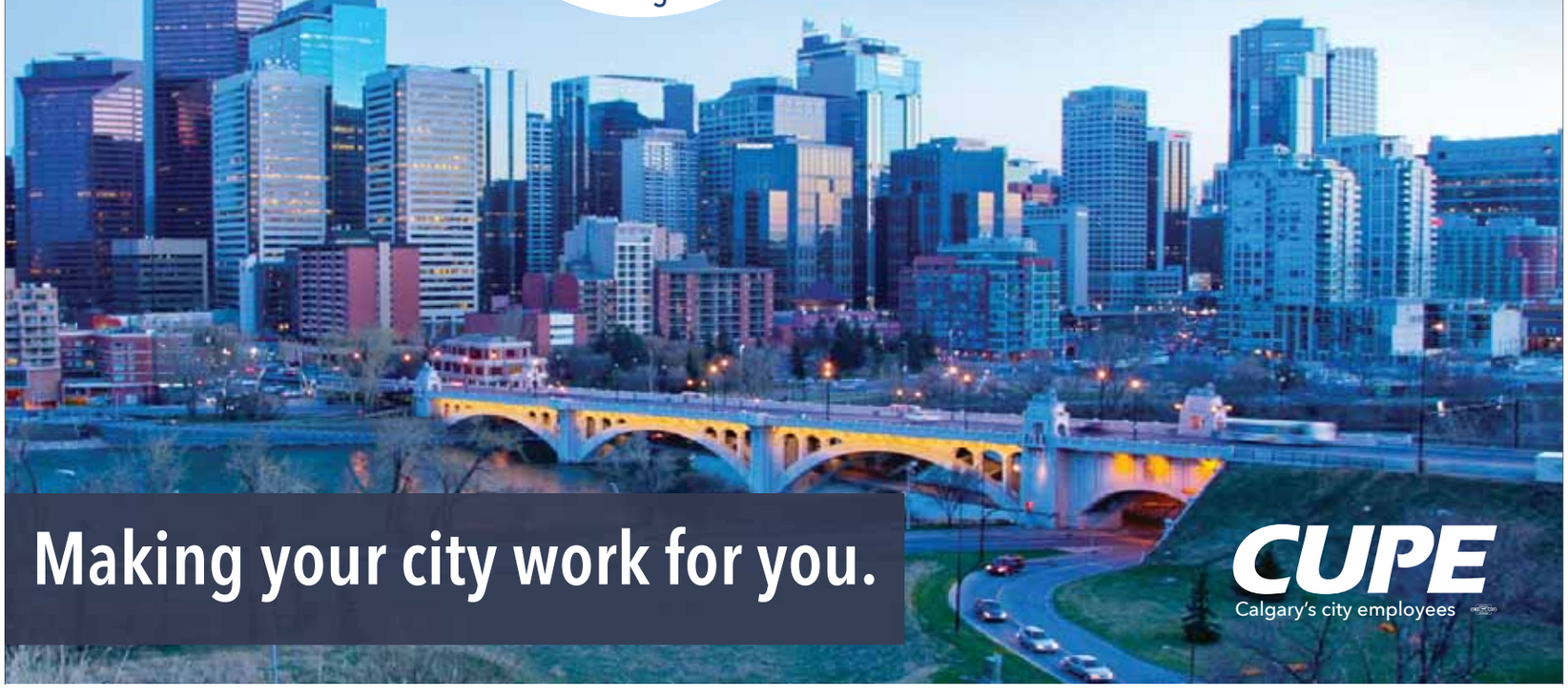

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Election returning officer Barb Clifford stands aboard a Calgary Transit bus that has been converted into a mobile democracy machine. The bus will bring ballot booths directly to Calgarians as they make their daily commutes in the coming weeks. Story, page 4. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Gorillas on the loose at Calgary Zoo — again

No risk to visitors. Animals never entered an area the public has access to, officials say

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For the second time in seven months, several gorillas escaped their regular enclosure at the Calgary Zoo and entered an adjacent kitchen, zoo officials confirmed Tuesday.

"The gorillas did, in fact, get into that area — the keeper kitchen area — but no one was injured, animal or human," zoo spokesperson Trish Exton-Parder told Metro Tuesday.

The incident happened late Sunday afternoon, she added, and zoo officials are still investigating exactly what happened and how.

Exton-Parder couldn't confirm precisely how many gorillas escaped the enclosure but said it was more than one.

In March, then-zookeeper Garth Irvine was injured in a confrontation with a male gorilla after it and three females made their way into the kitchen.

Irvine was later fired, and is appealing his dismissal.

With respect to the latest incident, the zoo said in a statement issued Tuesday that it "takes these kinds of incidents very seriously" and "appropriate actions will be taken" once an investigation is completed.

"This incident is a reminder that there is no room for error or complacency when working with dangerous animals and we will continue to work with our staff team to reduce risk wherever possible," the zoo stated.

Exton-Parder said there is no estimated time frame for when the investigation will be complete.

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"This incident is a reminder that there is no room for error or complacency when working with dangerous animals." Calgary Zoo in a statement

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Handout vs. hand-up

Housing stirs debate among Ward 4 candidates

Candidates vying for votes in Ward 4 have starkly different ideas on housing down-on-their-luck Calgarians.

That split was evident at a forum held Tuesday night at the Thorncliffe Greenview Community Association.

Polled on the topic, challenger Blair Houston suggested social housing encourages freeloaders.

"I'm going to look bad on this one," Houston said. "My problem is: 'If you build it, they will come.'"

Houston was the first to bring up a controversial plan to turn an old Quality Hotel into an affordable-housing project in Greenview.

Incumbent Gael MacLeod argued there's a need for social housing to be incorporated in new and existing communities.

"We had a lot of challenges on that and there's still lots going ahead," said MacLeod, who chaired the Calgary Housing Company. "But I think that's a good example of how I work behind the scenes."

Michael Hartford sided with his rival in expanding the municipally owned company, which operates about 10,000 housing units.

"It's not a handout, it's a hand-up," said Hartford. "That's what we need to focus on."

MacLeod's other challenger, Yuri Shterngartz, repeated an earlier call to dial back taxes to boost housing options.

Another Ward 4 challenger, Sean Chu, was absent.

BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

More than 150 people came out to Eau Claire Market to listen to Ward 7 candidates, from left, Kevin Taylor, Druh Farrell, Brent Alexander and Joylin Nodwell.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Ward 7 hopefuls square off at forum

Election. Development patterns, secondary suites and city charter figure into discussion

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Ward 7 incumbent Druh Farrell and the top challenger in the last election, Kevin Taylor, drew clear distinctions between their positions Tuesday evening, with the two other challengers — Joylin Nodwell and Brent Alexander — falling somewhere in between.

Farrell took on the topic of urban sprawl right out of the gate at the public forum hosted by Civic Camp, calling it "the greatest issue that our city faces."

"Each house in the suburbs costs $4,500 in subsidies," she said, adding that developers need to pay the "true cost" of new developments.

Taylor immediately challenged that, saying he "can't find any documentation on Calgary's website" to support Farrell's claim.

"But what I can tell you is that right now we are subsidizing the East Village to the tune of $30 million a year and there has not been one building built there since 2008," Taylor said, taking aim at the project that Farrell has long supported.

Alexander, for his part, said subsidies to both the suburbs and the East Village would be better directed toward more recreation infrastructure, something Ward 7 is starved for.

"We need to bring those resources back into the general stream," Alexander said.

On the topic of secondary suites, Farrell, Nodwell and Alexander supported legalizing them as a way to address the city's rental-housing shortage, while Taylor said he supports making them more easily available but not necessarily legalized everywhere.

All four also addressed the idea of a city charter and the potential for taxation powers beyond property taxes.

Nodwell said she wouldn't trust Mayor Naheed Nenshi with such power, given the tax increases he has already presided over in the past few years.

"If we give that power of a city charter to our mayor, what's to say he's not going to keep increasing our taxes?" she asked.

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"They will have all the ballots for the entire city, so they will be able to accommodate everyone," Clifford said.

The buses will spend three hours at a time at each of 10 LRT stations, from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and then 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., over five days of advance voting.

"We're hoping to be able to get those people who do not have cars, do not drive, to be able to take advantage of the advanced vote this way," Clifford said. "And also people who have always, over time, said our voting stations don't open early enough for them."

This is a pilot project and, depending on the uptake, could continue and be expanded in future elections, she added.

The bus is only available for advance voting. About 25,000 voted in advance in the last election, Clifford said.

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Survey. Calgary loves its cops, but commish sees need for more

Despite all-time-high approval ratings for Calgary police, the chair of an oversight commission says "serious negotiations" are coming for more funding.

The Calgary Police Commission's citizen-satisfaction survey results were released Tuesday and revealed the highest level of support to date, with 97 per cent of those polled stating they were "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the efforts of the men and women in blue.

Still, commission chair Mike Shaikh said he has a lingering concern about whether Calgary's current crop of officers can keep pace with the demands of an ever-growing city. He plans to raise the issue with government in the next round of budgetary deliberations.

"Let me tell you one thing: We will not sit back and we will not lose the momentum we have," Shaikh told reporters Tuesday.

Of those residents surveyed, 23 per cent said hiring more officers would be the best way to improve service.

The approval rating was up one point from 2012, but unreported crimes remained a concern, with roughly one-third of those surveyed claiming they had been the victim of a crime in the past year but didn't report it.

"The message to Calgarians is please go and report the crime," Shaikh said, noting online and in-person options are available to victims. "We are trying to make it as easy as possible."

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Survey details

- A total of 1,003 Calgarians were surveyed on police satisfaction in July and August. The survey results are considered accurate within 3.1 per cent at the 95 per cent confidence level.

Cops hope to open $1.5M auditorium next year

Training facility. Setting will also host functions, graduations and conferences

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Calgary police are hoping to improve classroom training of new recruits and celebrate their graduations under the roof of a new auditorium being planned at a northeast campus.

The $1.5-million project has been put out to tender and will add 3,000 square feet of space at the Westwinds Campus, a 60-acre property the police service took over and retrofitted to be a central organization hub after previous owners Nortel went bankrupt.

Michael Serediuk, a civilian member in the infrastructure projects and services division, said the hope is to break ground on the new auditorium by month's end and a tentative ribbon-cutting is planned for next August.

Calgary police are adding to their Westwinds Campus, with plans for a new auditorium that could open as early as next year. METRO

He said currently, classrooms used for recruit training can only hold 30-40 members — the new facility can accommodate more than 130.

"It will be more efficient," he said. "It will be just like when we were in university."

As well, police graduations are currently held at Mewata Armoury near Calgary's downtown core, but could be moved to an auditorium in the future.

The new facility will be situated on the west side of the campus near the services' carwash facilities.

Howard Burns, head of the Calgary Police Association, said the service already boasts what he believes are the best training facilities in Canada.

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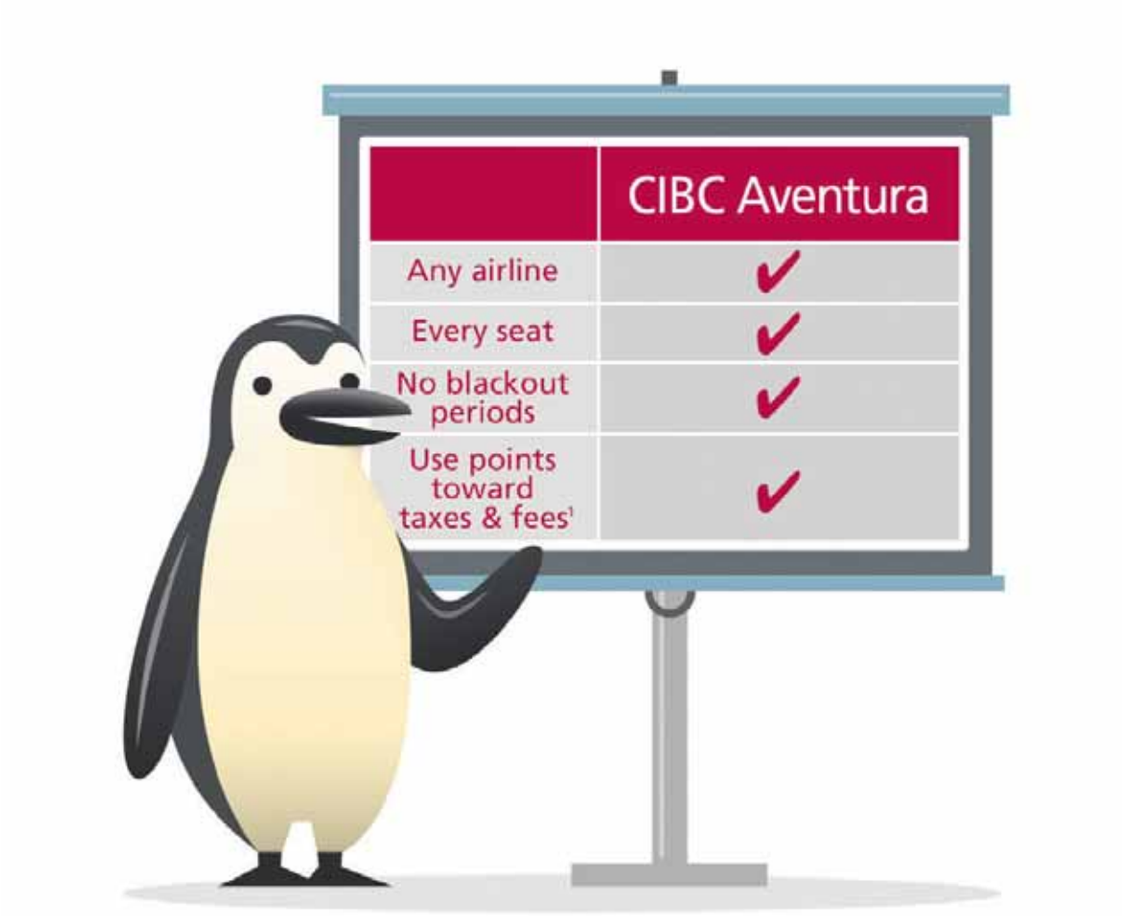

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Going from bad to Wurst after historic flood

Mission. Popular beer hall tentatively predicts November opening

Oktoberfest passed without a single stein being raised inside the flood-struck beer hall in the basement of Wurst.

But its restaurateurs have narrowed down a date for a grand reopening that could see the popular Mission spot move away from its higher-end German cuisine.

"We're still going to have the Bavarian flair to a certain degree," general manager Chris Rosamond said Tuesday.

"But again, making it more approachable to everyone."

To that end, the entire venue will likely take on the casual vibe of its former basement pub. There's expected to be more shared dishes — alongside wiener schnitzel — on its retooled menu.

"That was always in the works," Rosamond said. "But now we have an opportunity to launch it."

Located on the trendy restaurant row at 4 Street S.W., Wurst's 8,000-square-foot lower-level beer hall soaked up at least three metres of Elbow River water in June's historic deluge. Flooding damaged at least $600,000 worth of kitchen equipment.

On Twitter, Wurst declared this week the taps would start flowing in November.

Rosamond, however, erred on the side of caution in an interview.

"It will definitely be reopened in December," he said.

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General manager Chris Rosamond stands in Wurst's 8,000-square-foot basement beer hall. BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

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Health. Smoking rates in Calgary, Edmonton tied to wages and occupation

Differences in smoking and smoke-exposure rates between Edmonton and Calgary identified in a national report this week are likely related to the predominant types of employment in each city, according to a tobacco-control group.

"It's wages and occupation," said Les Hagen, executive director of the Action on Smoking and Health. "Higher wages are specifically associated with lower smoking rates."

Calgarians typically earn more than Edmontonians, Hagen added, and there are more white-collar jobs in Cowtown than the capital.

"Blue-collar workers are twice as likely to smoke as white-collar workers," he said. "The trades have some of the highest smoking rates, like construction, transportation, oil and gas."

A report released this week by the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer that compared 26 municipalities by cancer risk consistently ranked Edmonton lower than Calgary in terms of healthy behaviours, particularly smoking.

In Edmonton, for example, 23.1 per cent of residents reported daily or occasionally smoking, ranking the city 23rd on the list. In Calgary the rate was 18.3 per cent, ranking the city eighth.

Rami Rahal with the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer said smoking bylaws were similar in the two Alberta cities when the study was done.

"We have to acknowledge there are socio-economic factors, and there are cultural factors … that contribute to these results," he said.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

More people in Edmonton report daily or occasional smoking than in Calgary, according to a new study that compares cancer risk between cities. METRO FILE

CSI: Calgary?

Cops to show off forensic gun lab

Calgary police are set to unveil a new forensic gun lab a la CSI: Miami on Wednesday.

The Calgary Police Service said Tuesday the centre will allow investigators to "quickly and efficiently" process evidence collected from crime scenes. METRO

Tuesday's Metro

Correction

A story in Tuesday's Metro incorrectly stated the number of jobs reduced at Mount Royal University in the spring. The institution actually removed 63 full-time equivalent positions but very few were actual faculty members. We regret the error.

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Animal-rights activists hold solemn memorial

Animal Liberation Victoria activists hold dead animals at Federation Square on Tuesday in Melbourne, Australia. More than 200 activists gathered with the bodies of deceased animals to publicly grieve their deaths. Animal Liberation Victoria is against the treatment of animals as "property" and promotes a vegan lifestyle. Also on Tuesday, wildlife officials in Zimbabwe said at least 91 elephants were poisoned with cyanide by poachers who hack off their tusks for the lucrative illegal ivory market. GRAHAM DENHOLM/GETTY IMAGES

Syria. Chemical weapons team arrives in Damascus

Wading into the world spotlight, international inspectors arrived in Damascus on Tuesday to begin the monumental task of overseeing the destruction of Syria's chemical weapons in the middle of a civil war.

The inspectors from a Netherlands-based chemical-weapons watchdog have around nine months to complete their mission: finding, dismantling and eliminating President Bashar Assad's estimated 1,000-ton arsenal.

Their task has been endorsed by a UN Security Council resolution that calls for Syria's chemical stockpile to be scrapped by mid-2014. The deadline is the tightest that the experts from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons have ever faced.

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Myanmar. Buddhist mobs kill woman, torch homes

Buddhist mobs killed a 94-year-old Muslim woman and torched more than 70 homes on Tuesday as sectarian violence again gripped Myanmar's Rakhine state despite a visit by President Thein Sein, officials and residents said.

With attacks reported in several villages on the outskirts of Thandwe, where tensions have been mounting for days, the number of causalities could rise.

More than 700 rioters, some swinging swords, took to the streets in Thabyuchaing, about 20 kilometres north of the coastal town on Tuesday afternoon, police officer Kyaw Naing said.

An elderly Muslim woman died from stab wounds in the clashes that followed, the officer said, who also put the number of houses set on fire at between 70 and 80.

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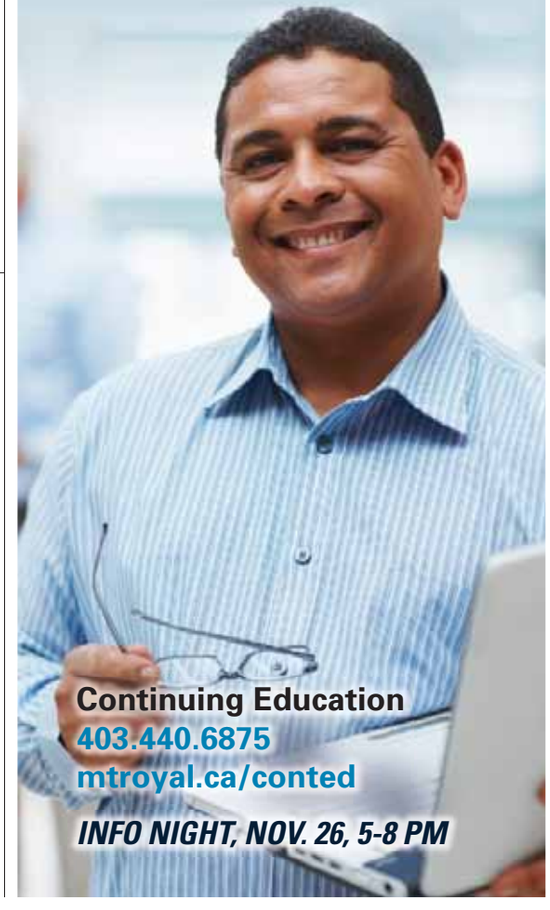

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A topless activist is carried out of the legislature visitor section by security after protesting the presence of a crucifix inside the legislature in Quebec City on Tuesday. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bare-breasted protest shakes up legislature

Quebec. Femen activists go topless, stage act of defiance over PQ's uneven approach to secularism

A topless protest against Parti Québécois identity politics erupted inside the Quebec legislature in a screaming, semi-nude act of defiance that derailed the daily question period Tuesday.

Premier Pauline Marois was answering a question when shouts erupted in the gallery and everyone's eyes, including the premier's, drifted upward.

As the protesters disrobed, they chanted a slogan against the presence of the crucifix in the chamber: "Crucifix, decalisse," they repeated in a crude Québécois expression loosely translatable as, "Crucifix, get the hell out of here."

The demonstration was quelled as security guards pulled a trio of half-naked protesters away from the chamber and struggled to dress them.

The group "Femen Quebec" claimed responsibility for the bare-breasted brouhaha.

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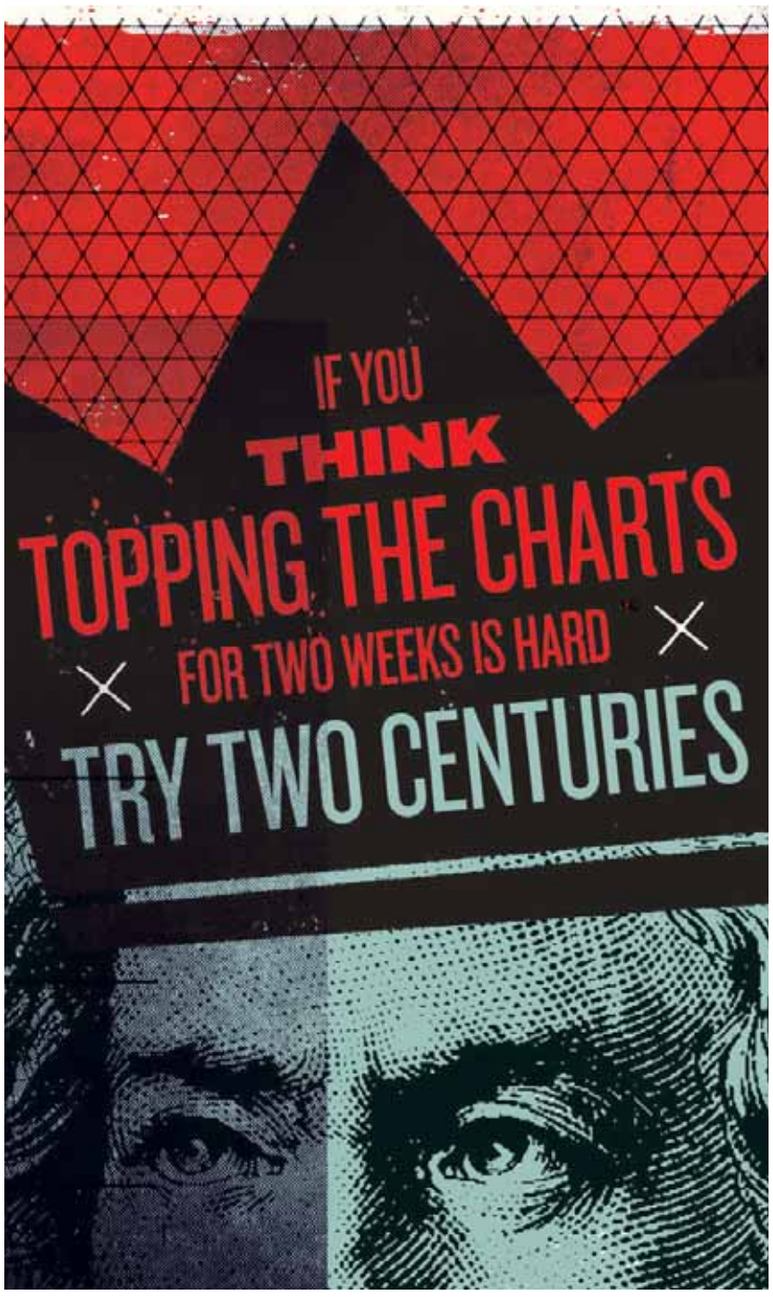

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That's it, folks ... we're outta here

America shuts down.
800,000 federal workers sent home as historic wrangle over health care shutters many U.S. agencies

The U.S. Congress hung "Closed" signs on a big swath of government Tuesday.

About 800,000 workers were sent home.

Barricades sprang up at the Lincoln Memorial and other monuments.

The National Park Service was turning off 45 fountains around Washington, D.C.

Agencies like NASA and the Environmental Protection Agency were virtually shuttered.

More than a third of the federal civilian workforce was furloughed — equivalent to the combined workforce of Target, General Motors, Exxon and Google.

And on Capitol Hill, Democrats and Republicans traded blame for the first partial government shutdown in nearly two decades.

But people classified as essential government employees — such as air traffic controllers and Border Patrol agents — worked.

So did the military and employees such as State Department workers who issue passports and visas.

With the Republican-controlled House and Democrat-controlled Senate at a stalemate, it was unclear how long the shutdown would last.

"There has to be better ways to run the government than to get to a standstill like this," said Cheryl Strahl, who travelled from California to take in New York City sites.

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Go home, folks: A U.S. Park Police officer helps to close down the Martin Luther King Memorial in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday.
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Amid the shutdown...

Life-or-death stuff: Obama

Hailing it as a "historic day," President Barack Obama pressed forward his flagship health-care program Tuesday.

"This is life-or-death stuff," Obama said. He said tens of thousands of Americans die each year for lack of health insurance, and others go bankrupt.

"Today we begin to free millions of our fellow Americans from that fear," he added.

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They stand on guard.

Five notable women seek gender-neutral O Canada

A group of notable Canadian women wants gender-neutral language in the English lyrics of O Canada.

The group says the change would restore the national anthem to its original gender-neutral intentions.

The group — which includes author Margaret Atwood and ex-prime minister Kim Campbell — has set up a website to promote the idea.

It is calling on Canadians to join the campaign and encourage Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government to change the line "in all thy sons command" to "in all of us command."

RestoreOurAnthem.ca is being launched on the 100th anniversary of the change made to Judge Robert Stanley Weir's original English lyrics.

The coalition says for no documented reason the lyrics were revised in 1913 from "thou dost in us command" to "in all thy sons command" and it's time to make a change.

Other members of the group include Senator Nancy Ruth, author and fashion designer Vivienne Poy and Sally Goddard, mother of Nichola Goddard, the first female Canadian soldier killed in combat. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Reactor clogged

A tsunami of jellyfish nukes nuclear plant

It wasn't a tsunami, but it had the same effect.

A huge cluster of jellyfish forced one of the world's largest nuclear reactors to shut down

The Oskarshamn nuclear plant in Sweden had to scramble reactor No. 3 on Sunday after jellyfish clogged the pipes.

By Tuesday, the pipes had been cleaned and engineers were preparing to restart the reactor, which at 1,400 megawatts of output is said to be the largest boiling-water reactor in the world.

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Climate change?

'Refugee' seeks a haven from rising tides

A man from one of the lowest-lying countries on Earth is trying to convince New Zealand judges that he's a refugee — from climate change.

The 37-year-old and his wife left his remote atoll in the tiny Pacific country of Kiribati six years ago for higher ground and better prospects in New Zealand. Immigration authorities have twice rejected his argument that rising sea levels make it too dangerous for him and his family to return to Kiribati.

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Canuck firm debuts wearable-computing sunglasses for runners, cyclists, triathletes

Vancouver-based Recon Instruments doesn't consider Google Glass to be a direct competitor to its high-tech eyewear, but the firm doesn't mind the comparisons. Recon believes it produces a very different type of computer-equipped glasses, which are targeted at sports enthusiasts rather than the mass market.

Since 2010, Recon has been releasing "heads-up display" products that give skiers and snowboarders a high-tech way to fly down mountains. The latest device, the MOD Live, attaches to a pair of ski goggles and uses a small LCD screen to display information including GPS data, speed, altitude and temperature. Users can also wirelessly link the device to their smartphones to see text messages and caller ID for incoming phone calls. Now, the company is talking up a new product called Jet, sunglasses with similar technology designed for cyclists, runners and triathletes. And the tech world is taking notice.

Last week, Intel said it was investing $4 million in Recon to help "accelerate product development, marketing and global sales." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Online document-sharing site Scribd is taking a page from Netflix's success as it sets out to create the world's largest subscription service for digital books.

The opening chapter in Scribd's quest began Tuesday with the introduction of an ebook subscription service that will boast thousands of titles published by HarperCollins before July 2012. HarperCollins, which is owned by News Corp., becomes the first of the five largest U.S. publishers to join a service vying to create an alternative to buying individual titles.

Different model

- If it's successful, Scribd could help publishers cultivate an alternative to the electronic bookstores run by Amazon, Apple and Google.

Scribd will charge $9 US per month for a service that offers unlimited access to most of HarperCollins' back catalogue, as well as an assortment of other books from smaller publishers. Recent bestsellers from HarperCollins aren't included in the subscription service, although customers will be able to buy new titles individually on Scribd's site. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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'Dirt cheap' mobile prices can't last, report concludes

A new report says Canada's small wireless firms have undercut Rogers, Bell and Telus by more than half on voice and data prices in recent years, giving consumers lower cellphone bills. But the Convergence Consulting Group report also says that the smaller wireless players can't keep offering "dirt cheap" prices and stay in business. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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TRUE PATRIOT GENDER-NEUTRAL LOVE

JUST SAYIN'

Paul Sullivan
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Oh, Canada, here we go again.

Another attempt to revise the lyrics of our national anthem.

This time, a group of prominent Canadian women including Margaret Atwood and Kim Campbell want to change "In all thy sons command" to "In all of us command," which is OK by me. I could never quite get my head around, "In all thy sons command," anyway. It's not as if we talk like that.

"Like, true patriot love in all thy sons command."

"Whatever, dude."

The point is, the prominent women are feeling left out. They want Canada to command an upwelling of true patriot love in female glowing hearts as well, and who can blame them?

Of course, some people think it's a bad idea to mess with the lyrics of our national anthem. Is nothing sacred etc.? It might help them to know that the original 1908 lyrics include the phrase "thou dost in us command" which makes no sense at all but at least it's gender neutral.

They should also know that O Canada wasn't even our official national anthem until 1980. Before that it was God Save the Queen, which, like the Queen, goes on forever. O Canada is much snappier, especially now that some of the "dosts" "thous" "thees" and "thys" have been eliminated.

In the face of the argument that the prominent women are only seeking a revision of the revision, traditionalists will fall back on the problem that if you mess with one line, the whole thing opens up, encouraging people with nothing better to do than lobby for new words to the national anthem.

Take "our home and native land," for instance. In 1990, Toronto's city council actually voted to encourage the government to change it to "our home and cherished land" because some non-native Canadians might feel left out.

Not to worry. They're too busy trying to figure out "true patriot love in all thy sons command."

Meanwhile, the next generation has tuned out. According to a 2010 University of Victoria survey, nearly 70 per cent of high school students enrolled in choir don't know the lyrics to O Canada, regardless of the version. And that's the in-tune student body. Presumably the fail among the general population is even higher.

Traditionalists will argue that's because they don't sing the song at the start of the day at school anymore, and maybe they're right. In fact, the only place we do sing it is at professional sporting events, usually alongside the Star Spangled Banner, which doesn't make any sense either.

But that's OK. It's an opportunity for Beyoncé or Nikki Yanofsky to look good and sound good while they funk up the tune.

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The horror of war in numbers

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Stenciled bodies recall Normandy

In an awe-inspiring and emotional project, the silhouettes of 9,000 bodies were stenciled on a beach in Normandy, France, as a tribute to those who died during the Second World War.

Titled The Fallen 9000, the work served as a visual reminder of the Allied and German forces, and civilians, who died during the D-Day beach landings at Arromanches on June 6, 1944. METRO

Concept to creation

"It was a quiet and emotional statement about what happens in the absence of peace. After I made my first figure, I broke down crying."

Jamie Wardley, artist
Wardley, 33, came up with the idea for the project with Andy Moss, 50

Silhouettes erased but impression lasts

The two sculptors came up with the idea for the International Day of Peace, a global observance day instituted by the UN.

The sculptors from Bradford, England, spent two years organizing the event. The silhouettes were later erased by the tide, but the project's effect lives on.

"Veterans are telling me how it brought home the impact war has," artist Jamie Wardley said. METRO

About 200 volunteers from various backgrounds and ages raked with stencils.

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You know you've made an impact when you get an asteroid named after you, right? Web comic creator Randall "XKCD" Munroe (now of the Asteroid 4942 fame) has proven comedy and science/math/language/smart stuff can go hand in hand. Running since 2005, XKCD comics have evolved from scanned doodles to 3,000-panel time lapse nerd jokes. Though Munroe is one of the web comedy pioneers, he's certainly not alone.

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Running as a weekly comic in the mid-2000s, getting a book deal in 2011 and now publishing 'whenever,' PBF's humping dinosaurs, pregnant teenage chickens and bad apples are a staple of Internet comics.

Dinosaur Comics:

Celebrating its 2,500th (at least according to the URL) comic Tuesday, Dinosaur Comics somehow manages to keep the LOLs rolling using the same six panels featuring a green T-Rex and a gay (they say) Utahraptor.

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Kingston Pen is rife with stories of escape and revolt. Now that it's shutting its doors, what should be done with it?

@OttUncensored: make it a taco stand!

@AlexnotAlecs: Trendy condos. Student housing. Convert the entire thing to a maximum security day care centre. No babies climbing those walls.

@twitandrewking: A pen factory.

@Banannikka: Youth Hostel!

@iamAngC: leave it the way they walked out of it don't sugar coat it and open it to the public

@kasey_with_a_k: turn it into a museum, like alcatraz. People will pay for a good criminal ghost story or two. #tourism

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

USED CARS TO BE SOLD FOR $1

Carl Holst, Sales Manager of Stampede Toyota, just announced plans to hold a One dollar used car and truck sales event Taking **Place, for one day only, Saturday October 5, 2013**. According to Mr. Holst record sales from the last few months have resulted in an overstock of trade-ins. “In the last three months our sales have increased at a tremendous rate”, Holst said. “Now, we must reduce the number of cars and trucks on our used lot to a more manageable number. During this One dollar sale every used car and truck will be sold for hundreds or thousands below its original price.” Mr. Holst said. “In fact, cars that normally sell for five to eight thousand dollars will be sold for three to five thousand,” Mr. Holst said. “Our customers will find these prices even lower than at wholesale auctions.”

Auction bidding often inflates the true value of a car so you pay more. Here every car is on sale, first come first served and no bidding. It’s the perfect opportunity to get a good quality used car at the lowest price possible, including cars for only One dollar. **All cars will be on display at Stampede Toyota on Barlow Trail, 2 blocks North of the Trans Canada Highway.** At 8:00 am all vehicles will be opened so that buyers may inspect the vehicles for one hour before the sale begins at 9:00am when the prices are posted on the windshield you will be given the first opportunity to purchase the vehicle at the sale price. This innovative approach to selling used vehicles will make it easy and quick for anybody in the market for a good used vehicle to get a great car or truck at a very low price with no hassle.

Calgary’s largest Toyota certified used vehicle dealer is overstocked and is forced to sell used cars and trucks for as low as $1, Saturday October 5, 2013 during a one-day sale event.

“Wholesale buyers will be represented to take trade-ins during the sale,” Mr. Holst said. “We also have three business managers who will help buyers arrange low-cost financing. We’ve got over $10 Million Dollars in inventory to choose from. Our total inventory will be close to 400 new and used cars and trucks. We want to remind everyone that this is a **one-day sale** only. When our inventory has been reduced, we will remove the sale prices and return to normal operations. Since we are a local business we would like to give back to the community,” Mr. Holst said. “We would rather allow local people to buy these overstocked vehicles than wholesale them at an auction.” All cars will be reduced every hour and then there will be 6 cars that will be reduced every hour until they get to $1. These special $1 sale cars are in a separate section at the front of the dealership. Due to the volume of sales during this event, please no telephone inquiries.

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Interview. Alfonso Cuarón talks about making space film and surviving the Vomit Comet

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Alfonso Cuarón apologizes for the delay in bringing his latest film, Gravity, to the masses, but properly presenting outer space turned out to be a tough nut to crack. And rest assured, the results are worth the wait. Plus, Cuarón got to discover a new favourite past-time: Experiencing zero-gravity on the Vomit Comet.

I suppose my first question after seeing this film is: how?
Well, the first thing is we're trying to do a film that takes place in space but that looks like those Imax documentaries that you're used to seeing. We didn't want it to look like a comic book or a fantasy rendering of space. So that was the point of the departure. The rest of the conversation was, "OK, how the heck are we going to do it?" So we tried several existing technologies. Nothing existed that we could use so we had to invent our own tools. And then four and a half years later, here we are.

You just get such fluid camera motion, which you've always had, but it's amplified here.
It's because there's no up and there's no down. That's the thing, we wanted to honour the physics and the mechanics in zero-G, including not only the character and the objects but the camera. A lot of that was informed by doing tests in different systems and possibilities, including parabolic flights — the Vomit Comet. Once you're floating you don't have much control. Your inertia dictates how you move. We talked about that, that the camera was also in zero-G, the camera is not controlled.

Did you get sick on the Vomit Comet?
No, I loved it. The stunt man actually threw up, but I didn't. I loved it, I loved it. It's really amazing, it's so much fun. And I'm a wimp with roller coasters, I cannot stand them. But this one, I could do it all day long. The beautiful thing of the parabolic flight is when you start floating, for me it was one of those things that felt almost primal and familiar.

Did you feel much resistance from the studio about the idea of a female lead?
No, no. There's the expression in the film, "Houston in the blind," which is a real expression when there's no communication, and the studio was in the blind. They were paying all this money to develop a technology that we didn't know was going to work, then investing in a shoot that we didn't know was going to work, then on top of that after the shoot they weren't able to see anything for eight months. And then we arrived to our release date a year ago and we were not ready. They said, "Do you need a couple of months?" "No, we need a year." And they had to keep on going. And with Sandy, yeah obviously when you are at some early stage there are voices that say, "Why don't you do it with a male lead? It's more exciting and we can have these actors. These kind of movies work better with a male lead." Yeah, you have some voices, but the moment that I said that I couldn't envision this film with a male lead, they were OK with it. There was no huge pressure.

I still get angry about the botched release of Children of Men, which was criminally overlooked when it came out.
I guess it was the release and stuff, but frankly maybe it was that it didn't connect with audiences, you know?

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The Word

Cher still has no problem telling it like it is

ALEXANDRA CAVALLO
Metro World News

You know who is one of the baddest mamba jambas in the music industry, to this day? Cher. Do not even try and tell me that Cher is not the coolest old lady around, because I am armed with irrefutable evidence with which to counter you.

Firstly, she called out Madonna — one of the other old ladies still behaving like a boss in the biz — for being, well, for being kind of a B.

Secondly, she threw said shade at Madge in a Reddit forum.

Yes! Cher is older than my mother, who has just barely mastered the fine art of electronic mail, but the lady is well-versed in the ways of the Internet nether-regions.

Over the weekend, she logged on for an Ask me Anything open forum on Reddit (oh, by the way, she introduces herself on said forum thusly: "Hi, I'm Cher, I'm 100 years old") during which someone asked why she hated Madonna.

Cher, being the classy yet truth-spitting broad that she is, responded, "I never hated her; I just thought she was a bitch."

And that, my friends, is 'nuff said.

Amanda Bynes. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Amanda Bynes' meltdown just got way less funny

Amanda Bynes has been formally diagnosed with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, according to Radar Online.

"It was what Amanda's parents, Rick and Lynn, had suspected all along," a source says.

"Nevertheless, it was difficult to process for Amanda's parents. The bright side is that Amanda can lead a long, normal life as long as she takes her medication. Doctors at the treatment facility are still working to get Amanda therapeutic meds and she is responding to the medications she is being given to treat her dual diagnosis."

Miley Cyrus

Miley majored in twerking instead

Before embarking on her post-Disney career, Miley Cyrus admits she flirted with the idea of going to college.

"I kind of like the way Mary-Kate and Ashley (Olsen) did it. They were bajillionaires from being these kid stars, and they decided that that wasn't the future that they wanted," she tells Rolling Stone.

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Italy

There IS something to rent in Tuscany

ON THE MOVE
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Want to plan the perfect week in Tuscany? Here's how to make this bucket list holiday to Italy a reality.

Vacation at a villa. Do your research and compile a list of must–haves such as Internet access, swimming pool and number of bedrooms required. Get testimonials from past guests. The pleasant surprise with a villa is a large group will often pay less than they would in a hotel. I recently rented a gorgeous 500-year-old villa outside of Cortona with eight friends and it cost us $500 per person for the week.

Rent a car or bike. Iconic Italian cities like Florence and Siena are easily accessible and worth exploring, but to truly discover the hidden gems of Tuscany, you need your own wheels. The charming towns of Montepulciano, Cortona and San Gimignano are just a few worth the visit.

Taste the local flavours. Forget fusion; a good meal in Tuscany is about celebrating what's in season. Make sure to sample the regional specialties, such as Florentine steak and Pienza's pecorino cheese.

And of course, hit a winery. Many of the wineries in Tuscany do not like walk-ins, especially if you are travelling in larger groups, so call and reserve a tasting in advance.

The beach at the Fairmont Southampton hotel is perfect for swimming. The rocks off shore make a great diving spot, too. JIM BYERS/METRO

Soak it up in Bermuda

Kick back. The weather is hot and the vibe is cool in this tropical paradise

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You probably know about the golf. And you might think there are a lot of guys in funny shorts and long socks. But Bermuda is more hip than you might expect.

Drinking

There are two traditional drinks in Bermuda. The Dark and Stormy has ginger beer, dark Gosling's rum (no other kind counts) and lime juice. Folks rave about Bermuda's Rum Swizzles but I found the one I tried at the famous White Horse Tavern in Bermuda far too sweet. In the main town of Hamilton, the Pickled Onion is a sleek affair that wouldn't look out of place in Toronto's Yorkville or Vancouver's Yaletown. When I was there drinks included "Pink Panties" and "The Black Banana." Ahem. Flanagan's Irish Pub on Front Street in Hamilton has reasonable prices and a second-storey patio overlooking the harbour.

Sleeping

The Fairmont Southampton is a pink beauty on a hill along the south shore. There's a great beach and it's adjacent to marvellous Horseshoe Bay. Rooms in October go from about $330 a night. I stayed at a casual but adorable spot in the village of St. George's called the Crooked Elbow, close to a couple of nice beaches and cool forts and only a short walk from shops and pubs. It's got lots of space and goes for about $150 a night in high season, with a five night minimum.

Dining

St. George's has a couple of places on the waterfront, including Tavern on the Sea (decent food; great views). The online reviews are good but at dinner in St. George's I found Wahoo's Bistro only adequate. The Waterlot Inn, affiliated with the Fairmont Southampton, is a stunner. I had a three-steak tasting menu that was $60 but it beat the heck out of Ruth's Chris. The service is terrific and the sticky toffee pudding with vanilla ice cream will have you singing with joy. Stuff yourself at the Jamaica Grill in Hamilton with jerk chicken, rice and peas and other Jamaican delights in a cheap but fun neighbourhood joint. Mickey's sits on the edge of Elbow Beach and you can dine a few inches from the sand. They do a lovely grilled seafood platter with scallops, shrimp, salmon, local fish, octopus and tender calamari, plus veggies and mashed potatoes, for about $40.

Doing

Bermuda is famous for reefs that have caused many a shipwreck; bad if you're a sailor but great if you're a diver. May to October offers the best chance for calm, clear water and is the best time for swimming, especially on exposed south shore beaches. You also can try horseback rides or rent bikes or mopeds, which are everywhere. Or explore the shops and fun streets in St. George's, including Featherbed Alley and Old Maids Lane. Oh, OK, you are a golfer? There are courses galore, none more famous perhaps than Port Royal, where they hold the annual PGA Grand Slam event, featuring the winners of golf's four major tournaments (Oct. 14 to 16 this year). One too many rum swizzles? Climb the Gibbs Hill lighthouse to work off some calories and soak in views of all Bermuda's islands.

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- 3/4 cup (175 ml) coconut oil
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) lemon juice
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) raw agave syrup
- 1/2 tsp (2 m) raw vanilla extract
- 12 fresh strawberries, sliced (garnish)

Crust

- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) chopped or sliced raw almonds
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) shredded unsweetened coconut
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped pitted dates (about 5)

1. In bowl, place cashews and dates. Pour in enough water to cover; let stand for 1 hour. Drain.

2. Meanwhile, mist 24, 1/2 cup (125 ml) ramekins (or other similar-sized freeze-proof molds) with cooking spray. Line each with plastic wrap, leaving enough to create a bit of an overhang for “handles.”

3. Crust: In food processor, add almonds, shredded coconut and salt; pulse until in coarse crumbs. Add dates; pulse until well combined. Divide and press into bottoms of ramekins.

4. In high-power blender, or in clean food processor bowl, add drained cashews and dates, the strawberries, avocado, coconut oil, lemon juice, syrup and vanilla. Process until very smooth. Pour over bases; freeze until firm, at least 2 hours.

Strawberry-Coconut ‘Cheese’ Cake

This recipe makes 24 mini-cake servings. MISSAVACADO.CA

5. Remove from freezer 30 to 60 minutes before serving (or, move to refrigerate up to 1 day ahead); remove plastic wrap, plate individual cakes, and let thaw. To garnish, top each with sliced strawberries. MISSAVACADO.CA

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What are you, some sort of expert?

A word to the wise on what it takes to advise. Do you have the goods to take on a career in the consulting field?

MEGHAN GREAVES
TalentEgg.ca

Are you thinking about a career in consulting?

If so, you're probably wondering what it takes to be successful in the industry. Since there are many fields within consulting, diverse personalities and dispositions can find an excellent career fit as a consulting professional.

However, successful consultants tend to have a core group of personality traits that they apply to different extents in their discipline.

You're a "people person"

As a consultant, you'll be working with your team and multiple clients, so you're bound to feel like an outsider at some point or another.

Consultants need to be able to remove the barrier between themselves and their clients to build trust and confidence. In order to do this you need to feel comfortable working in different environments and with different people on a daily basis.

You're a multi-tasker

As a consultant, you'll have to constantly manage multiple clients, all of whom come to you with different tasks, questions, concerns and suggestions.

Your plate will always be full. The trick to not getting overwhelmed is to prioritize your tasks effectively so each client's needs are met.

If you find that multi-tasking comes naturally to you, a career in consulting may just be your calling.

You're passionate

Not only do consultants have to be passionate about their industry; they have to be just as passionate about helping clients. A client can tell if you truly care about his or her success.

Above and beyond

You're willing to go the extra mile, and then some

- Solving problems, influencing your clients and creating innovative ideas are just the tip of the iceberg for consultants.
- To be successful, you need to enjoy getting lots done for your clients. Companies hire consultants because they want their expertise, so to impress them you must give that and more — and enjoy doing it!

You're confident

Everyone has bad days no matter what field they work in.

A great consultant can get back on the horse when things aren't going smoothly. While doing this, you'll also need to motivate your team to keep chugging along and provide them with solutions to the problems ahead.

As a consultant you'll get tough feedback, experience set-backs and make difficult decisions. A successful consultant can push through these barriers with confidence.

You're resourceful

Being resourceful is an extremely helpful trait to have as a consultant.

This trait will help you know when to ask for advice, and where to find the right information. You can't be scared to ask for help, especially when starting out!

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Consult me on this career's highlights

The best of the business. What wonderful perks can be expected from this workforce?

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While choosing your career path, you may be inclined to do some online research and learn about the pros and cons of the industry.

Of course, research is just one component of exploring a field, as you should also be sure to reach out and network with professionals who can offer insight based on personal experience. Remember, the list doesn't stop here.

There are hundreds of perks to a career in the consulting industry.

Here's a list of some of the major pros of being a consultant.

Flexibility
Since a main part of a consultant's job is to meet with clients, consultants can often have more flexibility with their work hours depending on appointment scheduling. There is also the opportunity to telecommute once you get more settled in your role. This not only leads to being a more productive employee, but it also allows for better work-life balance.

Working in a team environment
The best thing about starting your consulting career is that you definitely won't be going at it alone. You'll have the opportunity to work with team members who share interests, expertise, ideas and work ethic behaviours similar (and different) to yours. This creates the perfect opportunity for career-launching collaboration.

Using your problem solving skills daily
Consultants use their problem solving skills daily to get the job done and make clients happy. There are tons of perks to regularly using problem solving skills including: excitement, gratification, busy days and being creative.

Every day is different
Consulting is not your typical 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. desk job. As a new grad, this is something that you should appreciate. The transition from school to work can be tough when you're suddenly thrown into a regular work schedule. As a consultant, you'll break this boring cycle by constantly tackling new problems and changing up your schedule.

Exceptional training and on-boarding
Often times when starting off as a consultant, the company you're hired on with will give you awesome training or on-boarding to get things started off on the right foot. The goal of on-boarding/training is to set you up for success, so during this training you can expect to receive the resources, knowledge and tools to do so.

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NL wild-card game

Martin's homers help Pirates push Reds off plank

Russell Martin homered twice, Marlon Byrd also connected and the Pittsburgh Pirates roared past Cincinnati for a 6-2 victory in the NL wild-card game Tuesday night.

In front of a black-clad crowd savouring its first post-season game since 1992, Andrew McCutchen added two hits and reached base four times for Pittsburgh.

Francisco Liriano scattered four hits over seven innings for the Pirates, who will face St. Louis in Game 1 of the NL division series Thursday. Liriano struck out five and walked one to win the first playoff game of his career.

Cincinnati starter Johnny Cueto struggled in his third start since coming off the disabled list last month. Cueto gave up four runs in 3 1/3 innings and appeared rattled by a raucous ballpark that taunted him throughout by chanting his name.

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Russell Martin reacts after hitting one of his two home runs on Tuesday night. JARED WICKERHAM/GETTY IMAGES

Canadiens enforcer George Parros and the Leafs' Colton Orr let their fists fly at each other on Tuesday in Montreal. RICHARD WOLOWICZ/GETTY IMAGES

Leafs take Round 1 over rival Canadiens

NHL. Toronto escapes Montreal with win in rough-and-tumble season opener

Toronto Maple Leafs coach Randy Carlyle had a gut feeling that James Reimer would rise to the occasion in the team's NHL regular-season opener.

It turned out he was right, as Reimer made 34 saves and Mason Raymond got the game-winner in his first game with the Leafs as Toronto downed the rival Montreal Canadiens 4-3 in a fight-filled opener on Tuesday night.

One of the fights led to a scary moment when Montreal's new enforcer George Parros was carried off on a stretcher in the third period after falling on his face during his second bout of the night with Colton Orr. Parros suffered a concussion and went to hospital for further evaluation.

Between the five fights in the game, Reimer made the saves and won a fourth straight start against Montreal.

Reimer got the nod over Jonathan Bernier, who joined the Leafs from the Los Angeles Kings in the off-season.

Tyler Bozak scored shorthanded at 17:19 of the second frame and Raymond got the winner 5:10 into the third before Lars Eller's second of the night closed the gap to one goal with 2:22 left in the game.

James van Riemsdyk and Dion Phaneuf also scored for Toronto, who play again Wednesday night in Philadelphia.

Eller's three-point night included an assist on a Brendan Gallagher goal for Montreal, which next faces the Flyers at home on Saturday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Blackhawks still rollin'

Brandon Saad, Johnny Oduya and Marian Hossa scored in the third period, and the Chicago Blackhawks kicked off their Stanley Cup title defence with a 6-4 victory over Mikhail Grabovsky and the Washington Capitals on Tuesday night.

- Grabovsky had three goals and an assist in his first game since he signed with Washington in August.

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Luge team looking for Olympic sponsor push

Canada's luge team is for sale again.

The sliders slapped "For Sale" stickers on their helmets to attract a corporate sponsor just a few months before the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. The strategy worked, but that sponsorship money has run out with the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, on the horizon.

Alex Gough, Sam Edney and the rest of the luge team got out their "For Sale" decals and signs again. They invited the media Tuesday for their first training runs of the season at Canada Olympic Park.

"Countries like Germany have such a huge pool of athletes and the corporate backing we haven't been able to secure," Gough said. "Our previous sponsor gave us that and gave us that edge. Now that partnership has ended, we really need someone else to step up."

The difference between Canada's luge team pre-2010 and pre-2014 is that it is capable of winning the country's first Olympic medal in the sport in Sochi. Prior to 2010, luge was the weakest of Canadian sliding sports behind bobsled and skeleton.

Gough, a 26-year-old Calgarian, has broken up German domination of women's singles with a pair of World Cup victories, nine other World Cup medals and two world championship bronze medals over the last four years.

In the team relay, Gough, Edney and the men's doubles team of Tristan Walker and Justin Snith, all from Calgary, won silver at this year's world championship and bronze in 2012.

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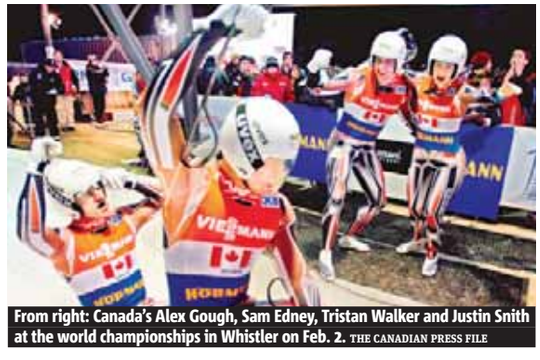

From right: Canada's Alex Gough, Sam Edney, Tristan Walker and Justin Snith at the world championships in Whistler on Feb. 2. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

DRIVE

The 2013 Toyota RAV4

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Review. Toyota's aim to recreate success of '90s model falls short but reliability is still assured

When Toyota introduced its RAV4 model back in 1994 it was an unusual, quirky and clever car. Stylish to look at, it created a whole new segment for compact crossover SUVs; there was even a three-door version, which is unusual even now.

The vehicle was aimed at trendy, young, (mostly) urban drivers, but in the 19 years since its release, the competition has got much tougher and Toyota has rather fallen off the pace. Toyota is aiming to attract a range of different drivers with this latest model, which is why the 2013 RAV4 is available in five configurations, with 2.5-litre gas, all-wheel drive and continuously variable transmission (CVT), a 2.5-litre diesel with front-wheel drive and six-speed manual transmission and a 2.5-litre diesel with four-wheel drive. However, all models in Canada are only available in six-speed automatic transmission using only gas.

This fourth generation RAV4 (which stands for Recreational Active Vehicle, Four-Wheel Drive) aims to elevate Toyota back to the top of the class with a RAV4 which is bigger, better and more practical than ever. The biggest new feature in the 2013 RAV4 is the rear lift gate which opens upwards (earlier models had the door opening sideways) and the rear-mounted spare tire is now inside the vehicle.

The 2013 Toyota RAV4

- **Top speed.** 185km/h
- **Engines (hp).** Four 2.0 litre or plus options available
- **0 to 100km/h.** 10.0 sec.
- **Fuel consumption** 5.9/100km
- **Base price (incl. destination)** From $23,790

Interior

The interior is spacious and the trunk is big but the cabin is letdown by the use of some hard plastics and dull styling. The new RAV4 doesn't feel as lovely as it should.

Exterior

The unusual styling that the RAV4 was known for has been replaced by a far more generic-looking SUV. Its body has sharper edges and a stronger grille but it has lost some of its unique RAV4 personality, which is a shame.

Performance

The ride is too firm, resulting in a car that doesn't feel particularly relaxing to drive or comfortable around town. Even our test of the 2.2-litre diesel auto AWD version (not available in Canada) didn't feel fast and required frequent gear changes to get the most out of it.

Best thing

Despite its failings, the new 2013 Toyota RAV4 is a safe choice for sensible drivers who will be happy with its middle-of-the-road performance; who don't want a car to be desirable but dependable.

Worst thing

The "sport button," which is supposed to add pace and drama, is so badly tucked away that you have to search for it. Worst of all, switching it on only seems to increase the engine noise — not the engine's response — so its sporty paddle shifters feel impotent.

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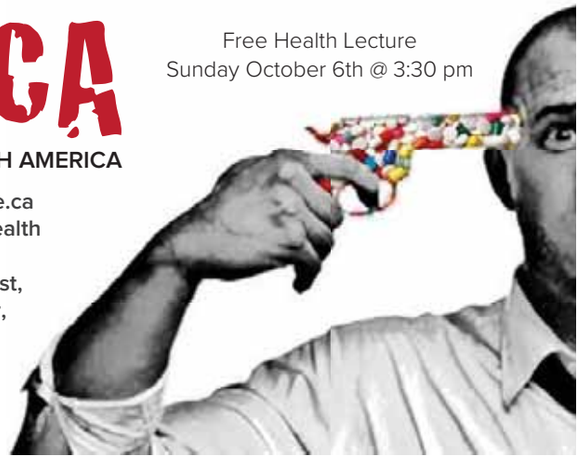


Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
The Sun and Pluto will send your emotions into overdrive today. If there is someone in your life who doubts your love and desire they won't be left in any doubt at all over the next few days. You're on fire.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Demand that work colleagues and employers treat you with the respect you deserve. And if they don't? Then you will just have to look around for better people to work with and for.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may find it hard to control your emotions today but that's good. Usually you're so happy-go-lucky people think you never get annoyed but it isn't true and they must know.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Quick decisions are not always good decisions, so take your time and get it right. Some people may be annoyed that you can't seem to make up your mind about something but their feelings don't count.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You may be tempted to walk away from a situation that is getting you down but if you do you are likely to regret it. With the Sun at odds with Pluto today this is not a good time for grand gestures.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your natural distrust could cost you today, especially if you hesitate to take advantage of what appears to be a genuine proposal. Common sense should tell you the offer is legit.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your head and heart will pull you in different directions today. If you are smart, you will realize whatever you choose will have consequences, so put off making a decision until the end of the week.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You have worked hard to get to your present position and have no intention of letting others take it away from you. Today's Sun-Pluto link will bring a challenge of some sort. Are you up to it? Of course you are.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Opportunities you never knew existed will come knocking over the next few days but each will have a responsibility attached, so think carefully before you take advantage.

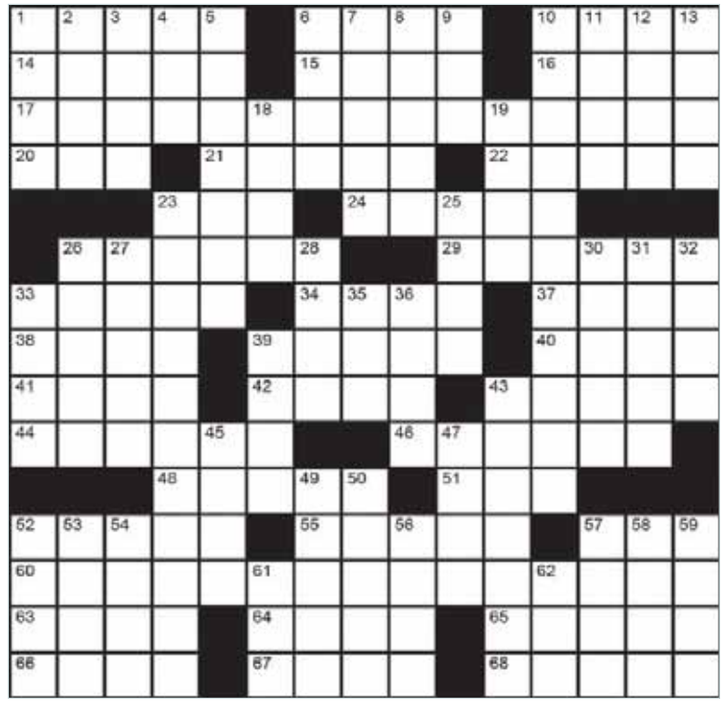
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are always ambitious and always competitive but the current cosmic picture could make you excessively determined to win. Be careful who you annoy on the way up — because you might meet them again on the way down.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The planets suggest you are well placed to move up in the world. All you have to do is get serious about your dreams. A change of scenery could change your outlook.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It's good make grand plans for your future but can you afford to make a big leap forward of some kind now? If not, start small. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

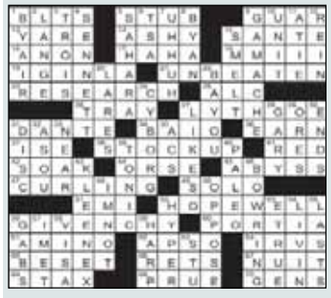
See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Chocolate substitute
6. Mater's mate
10. Street performer
14. Earth's sky layer
15. Toilets, British-style
16. Paradise
17. Like the people at #26-Across: 2 wds.
20. Surgery sites, for short
21. "Have a Little Faith in Me" by John __
22. "Bust _ __" by Young MC
23. Certain conifer
24. Car company
26. Prehistoric culture of North America
29. Sci-Fi writer, Isaac __ (b.1920 - d.1992)
33. Beethoven's title lady
34. Hold off
37. Elizabeth Taylor's title
38. Gets workers for
39. Actress Olivia
40. Mountain goat's rock
41. Roman Numeral for 2501
42. Like fine wine
43. Matches
44. "Together Forever" singer Rick
46. "Blue Suede Shoes" bit: "Well, it's __ __ the money..."
48. __ Tuck
51. Compass point
52. Studio sign: 2 wds.
55. Canadian communications company
57. Jump
60. 501 __ __. NW (Canadian Embassy's locale in Washington, DC)
63. Desert weather
64. Ms. West's
65. Weasel kin
66. Much
67. Shortened helper
68. Beatles-style of jacket

Down
1. Small salmon
2. Cote d'__ (French Riviera)
3. Director Mr. Howard's
4. Man. neighbour
5. Bzzz-er's abode
6. Sea lettuce
7. Reluctant
8. Purposeful saying
9. Fireplace residue
10. "Come on down to the __ __ and I will / Buy you a bottle of wine..." - Joni Mitchell, "Carey"
11. Prefix meaning 'Thought'
12. Mr. Griffin
13. 'ence' word-ending alternative
18. Rihanna's nickname
19. Actor, George __
23. Dinosaur tooth, whale bone ...and others: 2 wds.
25. Decorator Mr. Berkus
26. Red Lobster servings
27. Swiss chocolate brand
28. Swallow swiftly
30. "The X Factor" host Mr. Lopez
31. Noted astrologer Sydney
32. Carrots, celery, e.g.
33. Title role for Gwyneth in 1996
35. Saloon serving
36. Oliver! song: "__ Anything": 2 wds.
39. "The __ _ Feel" by Gordon Lightfoot
43. CPP = Canada __ Plan
45. Misjudges
47. Nine: German
49. He was a Titan
50. Dreams: French
52. October birthstone
53. Emperor of Rome
54. Have _ __ to pick
56. Endure
57. Possesses, olde-style
58. Complete
59. Place inSouth America
61. Singer Ms. Sumac
62. Did lunch

Yesterday's Crossword



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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

7	2	4	3	9	8	1	6	5
1	8	6	5	2	7	9	3	4
3	9	5	1	6	4	7	2	8
5	4	9	8	7	2	3	1	6
8	6	7	4	1	3	2	5	9
2	1	3	6	5	9	8	4	7
9	3	8	2	4	5	6	7	1
6	5	2	7	8	1	4	9	3
4	7	1	9	3	6	5	8	2

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